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In re Application of

Randolf Von Oepen : Patent Art Unit: 3762

Serial No. 10/652,498

Filed: September 2, 2003

For: STENT CATHETER SYSTEM

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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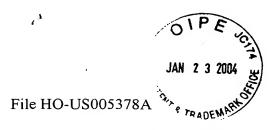
Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application (English translation) as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-3 and 8-20 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

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